



"MY FRIENDS ARE UP THERE!" Laurell Quinton, who escaped from a barroom fire in which 29 persons were reported killed Sunday night, screamed, "My friends are up there!" Quinton said he was with a group singing around a piano when the fire flashed around them in the second-story New Orleans French Quarter bar known as the Upstairs Lounge. (AP Wirephoto)

Cocktail Lounge Fire Kills 29 Fifteen Others Injured In New Orleans Tragedy

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Most of the 29 persons killed when fire flashed through a second-story cocktail lounge in the French Quarter here were trapped by burglar bars on three front windows, authorities said today.

Fifteen others were injured in the fire at The Up Stairs Lounge, which was packed for the weekly Sunday night beer bust featuring all you could eat and drink for \$2.

A survivor said he believed somebody dashed an inflammable liquid on the stairway to the lounge and lit it.

Fire Supt. William McCrossen said homicide investigators and the state fire marshal would take a careful look at reports that "some people smelled gasoline just before the fire."

Some small persons managed to escape by squeezing through the burglar bars on the lounge's front windows and then leaping to the street. Others left the building by smashing a side window and climbed onto a fire escape. A few made their way to another fire escape in the rear.

The bodies of those who did not make it lay jammed like logs against the front windows, with four huddled under a charred grand piano.

Some of the injured apparently were hurt in jumping to the street.

Authorities said there was only one woman among the dead.

Fire headquarters is but three blocks away. Units were on the scene in two minutes, said Supt. William McCrossen. The fire was out 16 minutes later.

Adolph Medina, 32, of San Antonio, Tex., said flames engulfed the bar in a short, panicked moment after fire broke out on the front stairway.

He said, "I was panicked about jumping, but two guys urged me to jump and I was small enough.... Some big guy on the ground caught me, and I kept looking back but my friend never got out."

Linn Quinton, 25, of Houston, Tex., said, "The place just went up. Everyone panicked and started running for the win-

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Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 60 degrees.



BLAZE AFTERMATH: A victim is carried out of a New Orleans French Quarter barroom in which 29 were killed Sunday night by a flash fire. The body of another victim is seen in the window at upper left. (AP Wirephoto)

Six Charged With Illegal Entry

Six Mexican men were arrested in Berrien county Sunday by agents of the U.S. Border Patrol.

The six, who range in age from 19 to 36, were booked and lodged in the Berrien county jail, where they will await deportation from this country. Sunday's arrests bring to 10 the total of Mexicans arrested since Friday for illegal entry into the country.

Convicted Oliver Gets Stiffest Life Sentence

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Judge Chester J. Byrns of Berrien circuit court today sentenced Kenneth Eugene Oliver to the stiffest possible sentence—life in prison at hard labor, in solitary confinement, with recommendations he stay in maximum security and never be released.

Oliver, 33, of Detroit, was

convicted by Judge Byrns June 14 of first-degree murder of Niles post State Trooper Steven DeVries during flight from a \$38,000 Niles bank robbery Oct. 12, 1972.

The prosecution charged he pumped four pistol slugs into the trooper on US-12 bypass south of Niles minutes after taking two hostages and robbing a west Niles branch bank of

some \$38,000.

The judge issued his sentence in a brief 15-minute appearance starting at 9 a.m. today in Berrien circuit court, St. Joseph. Security was stringent, as it was during the seven-day trial, with one bailiff, two presentence officers, seven Berrien sheriff's deputies and two state troopers present. Oliver stood silently before the

judge during sentencing.

Chief Deputy Donald Jewell of the sheriff's department said Oliver would be whisked to Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson as soon as possible.

The phrases "solitary confinement" and "hard labor" are statutory language and mean little, Berrien adult probation and parole authorities indicated. But the judge exercised his discretion when he recommended Oliver be considered for "maximum security" and never be released, they said.

A life sentence like Oliver's today is mandatory on first-degree murder convictions.

But Judge Byrns recommended to present and future governors and parole boards

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Test Flight Delayed

Balloonist Bob Sparks (left) and his crew members scan skies while awaiting favorable weather conditions for flight across Lake Michigan from Evanston, Ill., to Muskegon. The flight originally was scheduled to take place Saturday but takeoff was postponed until 1:00 p.m. today because of wind conditions. With Sparks is Mark Semich, builder, designer and crewman of the balloon, and Cathy Wolff, Associated Press newswoman who will accompany the crew on the flight. Depending on wind direction that will determine the flight path, the balloon may be visible in the southwestern Michigan area. (AP Wirephoto)

Dean Starts Talking About Nixon's Role

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ousted White House Counsel John W. Dean III admitted today he helped manage the Watergate cover-up, and said he reported what he was doing to President Nixon's two top aides.

Dean began his testimony before the Senate's televised Watergate investigation after making public a section of a lengthy opening statement on his role and knowledge of the wiretapping affair.

He said he didn't conduct the kind of investigation that President Nixon attributed to him in declaring last August that no one then employed by the administration was involved in the affair.

He said he would have advised the President, if Nixon had asked, not to deny administration involvement because he had told Nixon's two top aides, H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, about meetings in the office of Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell where wiretapping was first proposed.

The ousted White House counsel said an aide to Haldeman, Gordon Strachan, had brought fruits of wiretapped conversations into the White House, and that Haldeman had ordered them

destroyed. Dean said he also suspected, but couldn't prove, that former presidential counselor Charles W. Colson knew more about the wiretapping than he had admitted.

Dean said another White House staff member, John Caulfield, once told him that Colson had ordered him to burglarize the Brookings Institution.

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Faulty Refrigerator May Have Caused Deaths In Hartford

HARTFORD — A state police detective said yesterday that a faulty propane gas-operated refrigerator could have been the cause of deaths of a rural Hartford man and his daughter whose bodies were found in their home Saturday.

Det. Sgt. Clarence Taylor, of the Paw Paw post, said food in the refrigerator was found spoiled, indicating the appliance may have malfunctioned sending fumes throughout the one-story home.

An autopsy failed to show an immediate cause in the deaths

of William McMurray, 75, and his daughter Daisy May McMurray, 54. Additional tests are to be performed, however.

Taylor said the bodies were found about noon in the house on County road 372 in Hartford township after a neighbor went to check. The neighbor told police he went to the house because he had not seen either of the two for several days.

Taylor said officers had to force their way into the structure to reach the victims. Authorities estimated the two had been dead four days.

There was no indication of foul play, the officers said.

The officers said McMurray was found on a front room sofa while his daughter was found in night clothes in her bed.

The McMurrays had lived in the home for about 10 years. Before retirement, McMurray had been an auto parking lot attendant and afterward had worked part-time at a Hartford gas station.

Miss McMurray, authorities said, was mentally retarded and was being cared for by her father.

Mr. McMurray was born July

27, 1897 in Indiana, the son of Thomas and Jenny McMurray.

He is survived by one son, Emmet, of Carpentersville, Ill.; one half-brother, Merret McMurray of Morristown, Ind.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

His wife, Margaret Ann, preceded him in death.

Miss McMurray was born Nov. 15, 1918, in Indiana.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete this morning at the Calvin funeral home, Hartford.

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SCENE OF TRAGEDY: This is house on County road 372, in Hartford township, Van Buren county, where father and daughter died apparently as result of faulty propane gas operated refrigerator.

Bodies of two were found about noon Saturday after neighbor checked house because he hadn't seen them for several days. (Staff photo)

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Editorial Page

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What Makes Washington Tick, If At All---

Last week the Economic Club put on a bell ringer of a program in its more than 20 years of bringing in top flight outside talent to explain what is going on in the world.

Jack Anderson was the speaker. He is the most widely read among all columnists excluding possibly those who deal in affairs of the heart.

Unquestionably he is the most controversial. Conservatives are convinced he is dedicated to bringing down the establishment in ruin. Most politicians are wary of what he is next going to report. Liberals are skeptical of his analytical dissection of the news.

Though on occasion we feel a polarity towards him, the fact that 950 of the country's 1,700 daily newspapers pay to carry his Washington Merry Go Round indicates he must have something on the ball.

And anyone who can speak for 90 or so minutes intelligently and intelligently without referring to so much as a penciled note certainly understands his subject matter.

Anderson's talk centered entirely upon the Watergate caper, and as the reader might suspect, Nixon did emerge as a put upon hero.

The President, in Anderson's opinion, bungled the situation from the time he learned of his implication and, in the speaker's view, appears intent upon riding it down if at all possible.

The columnist did point out two features in Watergate which are completely obscured in the endless reporting and speculation of who did what and of who said this or that to whom.

One is that frankness is not a highly regarded ingredient in government.

From the town hall on up to the White House, those in the driver's seat operate on the principle that what the public does not know will not hurt it. The corollary of the doctrine is "we know what's best for you."

Paraphrasing Anderson in this respect, the great majority of our officialdom, in big puddles or small ones, elected or appointed, are honest in their jobs and dedicated to doing a job, but very few are free from the virus of preferring to work in the shadows.

The long coverup in Watergate stems from this mistaken belief that nobody was stealing the taxpayers' money nor betraying the country, but merely indulging in time honored political shenanigans.

The second point made by Anderson is what led Nixon's close advisors to go off the deep end.

Nixon went into office determined to accomplish what Eisenhower and

Kennedy complained of constantly during their White House residences.

It is the sprawling federal bureaucracy.

In theory it is subject to the President's command and direction. It is part of his apparatus to administer the government.

Even before FDR and the New Deal vastly expanded the bureaucracy in the 1930s its component parts already were pretty much going their separate paths.

They are so entrenched today as to be immune from any semblance of the control that a drill sergeant exerts over a platoon.

Having spend eight years under Eisenhower, Nixon saw at first hand the futility of a frontal assault in making the bureaucracy more responsive.

He infiltrated its major members with his own palace guard.

Watergate, in Anderson's opinion, was a natural consequence of men succeeding in that endeavor deciding to apply the same karate to a political opponent.

Though Anderson did not specifically name their target, it is a reasonable hunch that the President's close advisors were gunning for Larry O'Brien, who after some shaky starts with McGovern's pre-convention managers, took over his Presidential campaign.

Nobody particularly worried about the South Dakota Senator or his bodyguards, but O'Brien's astuteness was admitted.

Neutralize him and the McGovern campaign would lose whatever dim chance it might have, was the strategy.

Only the bureaucrats and special interests in close touch with them would fault the idea of cutting the former to a proper dimension.

However, as Anderson made clear, it is easy for the exhilaration behind a good motive to induce the intoxication prompting the commission of foolish or even base ones.

The speaker, however, sees a silver lining in the cloud.

Congress, he believes, will re-assume some of its authority it gave away by default, starting in the New Deal era, and the next President, he thinks, will be as pure as the driven snow.

We regret the oversight in failing to ask Jack upon finishing his formal message if he sees the bureaucracy functioning in a more coherent, responsive manner.

speed limits 10 miles an hour. Sen. Robert Vanderland, Kentwood Republican who introduced the measure three weeks ago, says Milliken is politically afraid of the bill.

"He's wary that it could make more enemies for him than friends," Vanderland told the Detroit News. "He doesn't want to be put in a position that gets him out on a limb."

Well, that makes good sense politically. The Automobile Club of Michigan (AAA) is against a speed cut, and they're an influential outfit. Gasoline dealers and tourist folks probably wouldn't like it. Maybe not even workers in the state's automobile plants. And a good many zippy motorists certainly wouldn't.

As a practical matter, a speed reduction might not be as good as it sounds. AAA says 70 per cent of miles driven in Michigan are on roads with speed limits of 60 miles or less. So gasoline conservation might not be all that great.

Moreover, slower speeds might produce "worse bumper-to-bumper traffic" than now exists at peak traffic periods. Motorists then certainly would be mad not only at the governor, but at each other.

Furthermore, it would cost \$100,000 or more to put temporary covers over speed limit signs to denote the reduction in speed.

So what's the outlook?

Sen. Vanderland says the bill will probably be kept in the GOP-controlled Highways Committee. And there won't be any reduction in speed limits unless there's a really dire national emergency.

The Ice Man Cometh



GLANCING BACKWARDS

HE SWIPED MY SONGS SAYS 'DUKE' EHRENBURG — 1 Year Ago —

Standard Oil dealer W.H. Ehrenberg, former St. Joseph mayor who retired from public life this spring after 21 years on the city commission, received a telegram from famed ballad singer Johnny Cash. "Dear Duke," said Cash. "They tell me that after almost half a century of service to your community and fellow man—and Standard Oil—you are going to relax a little. Congratulations on a great career and a well-earned rest."

It just happens that Cash works for Standard Oil, too, singing TV commercials. Ehrenberg doesn't know Cash

personally, likes his singing, but has something of a bone to pick with him. "Johnny swiped all my songs, the ones I used to sing to my kids when they were little." And he's never given me any acknowledgment.

ROMNEY WINS MOTORS IN TWIN CITIES — 10 Years Ago —

Armed with hard facts and the same winning ways that he showed in walking last May's three-mile Blossom parade, Governor George Romney came back to Benton Harbor yesterday to hold a grass roots session on state tax reform.

And, surprisingly for this conservative corner of the state, about half his Vincent hotel audience indicated by a show of

hands they feel a state income tax on individuals and corporations may have to be part of the answer to Michigan's fiscal problems.

ARMY WAR MOTHERS SELL \$40,000 BONDS — 29 Years Ago —

The twin city unit of Army War Mothers of World War II have sold \$40,000 worth of war bonds to date in the Fifth War Loan drive. Mrs. M.A. Robbins, chairman of the organization's bond committee, today advised Robert H. Ludwig, chairman of St. Joseph sales.

The Army War Mothers are operating a bond booth in Walgreen's drug store in Benton Harbor. Bond sales at the booth are credited to the community in which the purchaser lives.

URGES BAN — 39 Years Ago —

Prosecuting Attorney Harvey W. Holbrook advises the police to enforce strictly the ban on fireworks.

CHIEF CONDUCTS TOUR — 49 Years Ago —

A "personally conducted" tour of hoboes from St. Joseph into the heart of bloomland has been made by Police Chief Fred Alden, who loaded 45 of the wandering gentry into a big truck.

HOBBO BATH — 59 Years Ago —

A hobo of the drone-booze type, enraged because he had been stopped from going bathing clad only in his birthday suit, attacked Patrolman David Hunter with a pocket knife. He is now spending 30 days in jail.

PLANK'S TAVERN — 83 Years Ago —

Several workmen are improving the grounds around Plank's Tavern. The shade trees set out there last year are growing nicely.

BERRY'S WORLD



"On second thought, I don't think I want to teach you the value of a dollar. It's too distressing!"

Bruce Biossat

Is It Time For The Governors?



WASHINGTON (NEA) — The outlook for governors may be changing. For perhaps too long now, they have seemed bland, sometimes dispirited, ill-equipped to deal with problems beyond their own state borders.

Their image has suffered further because, even when many individuals stood out as impressive performers, collectively they seldom managed to exert much influence upon the course of the nation's affairs. Assembled together, they appeared almost certain to give off group vibrations of weakness.

At their early June meeting at Lake Tahoe, they did not suddenly come smashing through as a great collective force. But they looked and sounded better than they had for a long time.

Maybe it's all relative. Maybe this was an impression gained only by comparison with the mess in Washington. Yet many seasoned newsmen felt this and are undoubtedly writing about it.

The old stuff about the governors being less than the sum of their parts seemed inappropriate. Probably it was always basically unfair as a judgment, since the idea that they were capable of exerting heavy combined impact was largely an illusion, born of the impressive if little understood act by GOP governors in 1952 in support of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's presidential candidacy.

In 1973, anyway, the legend of unified influence smacked of irrelevancy. Their individual capacities, strength of utterance, and seriousness struck observers as more important.

Very strong statements about

Watergate came from such governors as Daniel Evans of Washington, William Milliken of Michigan, Patrick Lucey of Wisconsin, John Gilligan of Ohio, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller cut his usual good figure as a bustling executive of competence and energy.

Moreover, it began to dawn on some of the watchers that perhaps it is time again for one of the governors to get a real crack at the presidency. The nongovernors who have been winning that job in recent times haven't done all that well in some critical areas of national difficulty.

The tough problem zones today are in the domestic sphere — homegrown inflation, stubborn unemployment in the cores of the great cities, crime and blight and transportation chaos (underscored now by fuel shortages) in those same cities.

This is the sphere where the governors live. They stand at the cutting edge of the big, nagging problems which have been resisting solution, or even modest amelioration, by presidents who, either by choice or force of circumstance, have for years been focusing heavily upon foreign policy matters.

A feeling was evident at Tahoe that the long drawn out foreign policy era is over, that the sting of urgency has gone out of the foreign issues, that what we need now are men close to domestic matters.

President Nixon is seen by men in both parties as not only beleaguered by the scandals of Watergate, but positively strangled by his known bent for the strategic abstractions of overseas diplomacy.

Marianne Means

Ted Will Watch 1974 Election



WASHINGTON — Sen. Edward Kennedy changed the course of 1976 Presidential politics last week by abruptly announcing that he would reveal shortly after the 1974 Congressional election whether or not he would seek the White House.

The current favorite for the Democratic Presidential nomination told the Boston Herald-American that he thought he had to make his plans public two years in advance of the election because of the pressures of political speculation about his role.

Traditionally, Presidential contenders do not commit themselves one way or the other until a few months before the Presidential primaries begin. Sen. George McGovern, however, broke that pattern by announcing his Presidential campaign two years before the

1972 election, because he believed he needed the additional attention an extra year of publicity could bring.

Attention is definitely not Kennedy's problem. But his decision to copy McGovern may have been prompted by the Watergate crimes, which have revived the old gossip about the auto accident at Chappaquiddick and the old questions about Kennedy's ability to perform under pressure.

Many voters, particularly Republicans, see similarities between Nixon's moral culpability over Watergate and Kennedy's over the death of Mary Jo Kopechne.

The resurrection of Kennedy's biggest handicap means that a Presidential draft is far less likely than it might otherwise have been. Democratic politicians who once said they'd throw themselves at Kennedy's feet no matter what he did, now say they still like him that he will have to work for the nomination if he wants it.

Thus Kennedy's unusual move may reflect a revised game plan that calls for locking up the frontrunner spot early to prevent lesser-known candidates like Sen. Walter Mondale or hopeful retirees like Sens. Henry Jackson or Hubert Humphrey from gathering support and momentum.

If Kennedy decides to run, an early announcement will clear the air and free him of the necessity to strain his credibility by acting coy about his ambitions. It also gives him an extra year to allow the Chappaquiddick issue to bore everybody into inattention before he gets into the crucial combat of the primaries. And it would give him more time to organize a national campaign than would be possible with a last-minute entry, an advantage that proved very helpful to McGovern last year.

VISIT INDONESIA:
JAKARTA (AP) — Apollo 17 astronauts Eugene Cernan, Ronald E. Evans and Dr. Harrison Schmidt are here to present a moon rock to Indonesian President Suharto.

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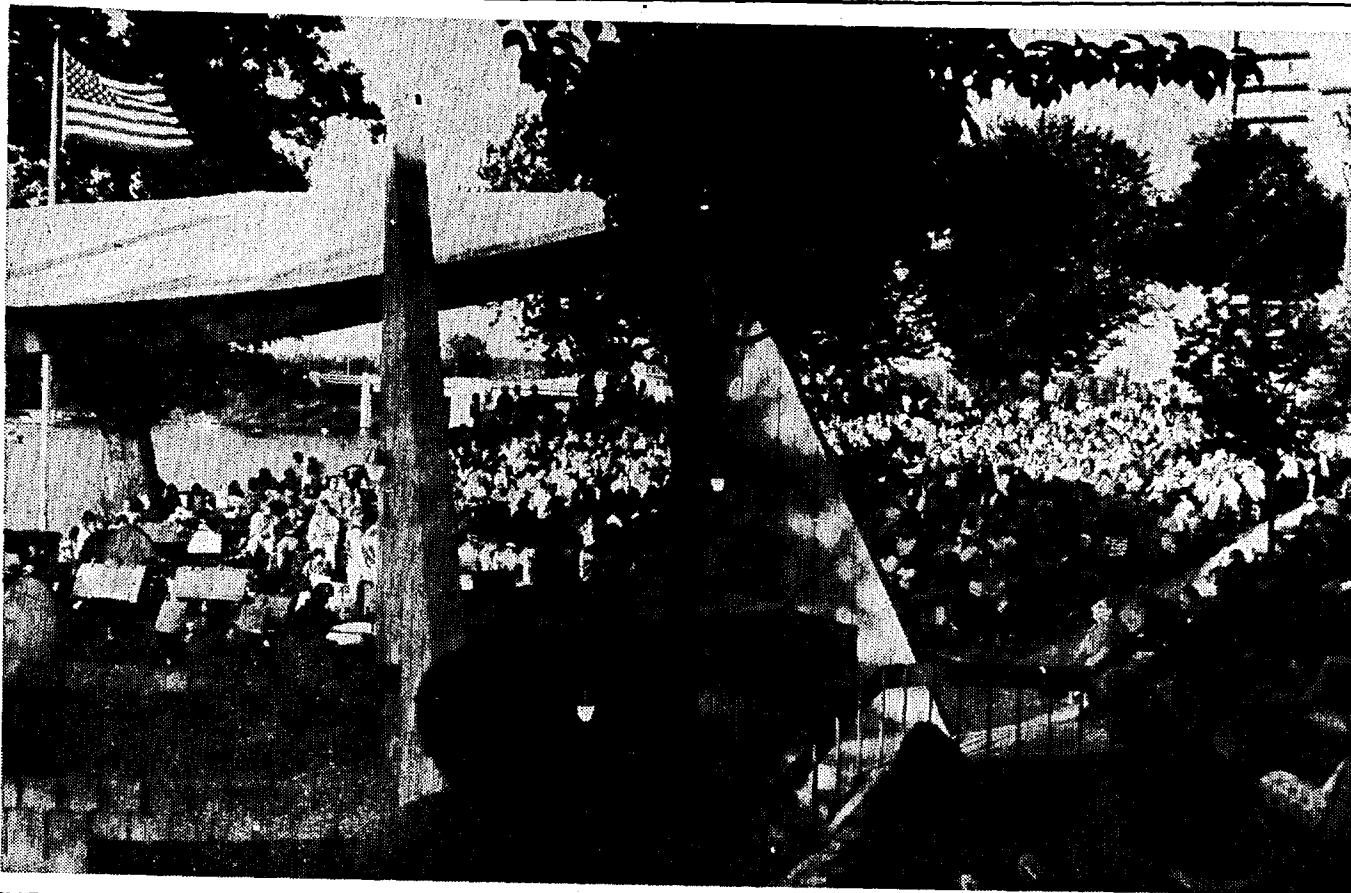
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WARM WELCOME FOR A COOL CONCERT: Although the weather was on the cool side, 63 degrees, an overflow crowd welcomed the St. Joseph Municipal Band at its first-of-the-summer

Sunday concerts. There was a larger than usual crowd in the afternoon and in the evening listeners filled the seats which hold 600 and sat on the banks. (Staff Photo)

Berrien Hills Manager 25 Years Jim Ford Honored By Club

The annual past presidents' ball at Berrien Hills country club Saturday served as the setting to honor Jim Ford, the club's manager for 25 years. Current president of the Berrien Hills board, John E.N. Howard, made the surprise presentation of a gift and a cake to Ford and Mrs. Ford and Bob Brenneke, representing the club's employees, gave Ford a money tree.

Ford began his career with Berrien Hills May 8,

1948. He is a native of Montague and a graduate of Michigan State university with a degree in hotel management.

He is a member of the Michigan Chapter of the Club Managers association of America, a national organization of club managers which requires credits and courses to qualify for membership.

The Fords have six children: Bill, assistant manager at Sears in Cincinnati, Ohio; Jim Jr., an

attorney in St. Joseph and four daughters, all teachers, Mrs. Charles (Sally) Salvano, Paw Paw; Mrs. David (Mary) Ravitch, Flint; Mrs. Greg (Ruth) Schwedler, Mt. Morris, and Anne, Sturgis.

Committee for the evening was Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ladrow, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Beckmann, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garlanger, and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Hampton.



SURPRISE PARTY: Jim Ford, genial manager at Berrien Hills country club, was guest of honor at the annual past presidents' ball at the club Saturday night. From left, are, Bob Brenneke, maintenance supervisor for the club who presented

Ford with a money tree on behalf of the club employees; John E.N. Howard, current president of the Berrien Hills board; Ford, and Mrs. Ford. (Pete Mitchell photo)

Girl, 2, Hospitalized Dogs Bite Four In Twin Cities Area

Four persons, including a 2-year-old girl who was hospitalized in Kalamazoo and a father and daughter, were bitten by dogs in the Twin Cities area Sunday, according to police.

Dawn Vosnos, 2, of Des Plaines, Ill., was bitten by a dog belonging to her grandparents while she was visiting their home Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Dawn reportedly sustained a cut to her cheek and nose and was transported to Bronson hospital, in Kalamazoo, where her condition was listed "good." Officials at the hospital said the girl has been referred to a plastic surgeon.

Berrien county sheriff's deputies identified the owner of the dog as Robert Shafer, of 5879 Edison road, Royalton township.

In another incident, Sunday at 7 p.m., Donald Anderson, 39, and his daughter Tina, 11, both of 3893 Hartman road, Sodus, sustained puncture wounds to their right hands when they were bitten by a dog.

Sheriff's deputies said the two were treated and released from Mercy hospital for the wounds.

Deputies reported the two were bitten by a dog belonging to Walter M. Schoenfeld, of 5864 Pipestone road, Sodus. The Andersons were reportedly visiting with Schoenfeld when the incident occurred.

Deputies investigated another report of a 2-year-old girl being bitten on the head by a neighbor's dog while she was playing in the neighbor's yard Sunday at 2 p.m.

Treated and released from Mercy hospital was Lorie Quinn, 2, of 6143 Madison street, Lake Michigan Beach. Deputies said the girl sustained a cut three inches long to the head.

Owner of the dog was identified by Deputies as Mr. Lotty, 6171 Madison, Lake Michigan Beach.



FIGHTING FIRES BEFORE THEY BEGIN: Capt. Joseph Mitchell instructs a member of Industrial Rubber Goods division, Ball Rubber and Plastic, in proper procedure in carrying fire hose in an industrial training program. Mitchell retires Tuesday after 30 years with St. Joseph Fire Department. (Staff Photo)

Lincoln Crash Injures 5

Five members of a Farmington, Mich. family were among six persons injured in a two-car collision, investigated by state police from the Benton Harbor post in Lincoln township Saturday.

The accident occurred about 5:05 p.m. on Red Arrow highway at John Beers road.

Treated at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph, were John J. Laliberte, 37, Farmington, a driver; his wife, Rosemary, 39; and their children, Maria, 7, Regina, 3, and Christina, 2.

Also injured, but deciding to seek his own treatment was the other driver, Dennis A. Ruff, 23, Riverside road, near Benton Harbor.

Troopers said Laliberte was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way.

Troopers said a Watervliet man, Orville L. Robertson, 43 of Elm street, received a bruised shoulder, when his pickup truck went off Riverside road near Chabot road, Haggar township, Saturday night.

Troopers said Robertson went to Watervliet hospital for treatment and the accident was reported at 7:45 p.m., about two hours after it occurred.

In an accident in Benton Harbor about 2:35 p.m. Saturday, a utility pole was broken in two, when struck by a car on Territorial road, near Forest. Police said the driver, B.W. Boswell, 48, of 2141 Laurel, Benton Heights, received apparently minor injuries. Boswell was ticketed for speed too fast for conditions, police said.

Berrien sheriff's deputies said Merlin L. Ethridge, 26, of 2951 Johnson road, Stevensville, was injured about 6:30 p.m. Saturday, when his car skidded off Stevensville - Baroda road near Mays road, Baroda township, and hit a tree. Deputies said Ethridge said he would seek his own treatment.

FOUR ARRESTED MOSCOW (AP) — Four Jewish women were arrested at the passport office today as they protested against official refusal to issue them visas for Israel, Jewish sources reported.

Mitchell Family Ties With SJ Fire Station End

Capt. Joseph Mitchell retires from the St. Joseph Fire Department Tuesday ending a 53-year family tie.

Mitchell's father, the late W. Hudson Mitchell, joined the department in 1920 as a volunteer and then helped found the paid fire department in 1928.

At one time—from 1939 through 1960—there were three Mitchells in the St. Joseph fire department. There was the father and two sons, Robert and Joe.

The father retired in 1961. His son, Robert, who served from 1939 to 1972, retired last year.

Joe joined the department in 1943, was off on leave two years for a stint in the Navy, and retires after 30 years. Joe technically continues to July 13 but Tuesday is his last day of active service.

Joe Mitchell, 48, will continue to operate Capt'n Joe's Campin' Corner at Niles road and Lincoln avenue in St. Joseph township. While in the St. Joseph fire department he was active in the International Association of Arson Investigators; directed the fire prevention program among elementary school children for 10 years; was a member of the Michigan State Fire Inspectors; served as vice president of Local 1670, International Association of Fire Fighters and was active in training fire brigades in local industry.

BH Man Hurt Playing 'Cowboy'

A Benton Harbor man, who said he was twirling a gun like the cowboys, was treated at Mercy hospital Saturday, after the gun went off, sending a bullet through his right hand.

Benton Harbor police identified the victim as Ernest Lee Joseph, 40, and reported that the incident occurred in Joseph's home, 572 Territorial road. Joseph went to the hospital himself, and the hospital notified police at 4:05 p.m. Joseph said he was alone while twirling a .32 caliber hand gun in cowboy fashion.

\$1.2 Million HUD Grant Goes To BH

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will award a \$1,203,337 grant to the city of Benton Harbor for its Neighborhood Development program, Congressman Edward Hutchinson announced today.

Funds will be used to restore basically sound structures in project areas through rehabilitation, with some demolition and street improvement and will allow for completion of plans on the drawing board. HUD also announced recertifications for workable programs for community improvement to both Benton township and Benton Harbor. "Recertification is the first step toward obtaining federal grants for future community development," Hutchinson said.

HUD describes workable programs as localities projects to establish goals, action programs and timetables for elimination of slums and blight. Workable programs have four elements: codes and code enforcement, planning and program-

ing, housing and relocation and citizen involvement. HUD views workable programs as demonstrating community understanding of physical, economic and social forces that create slums and

blight and community willingness to develop and carry out comprehensive planning to prevent and overcome urban decay and achieve orderly community development, Hutchinson said.

Two Contestants Hospitalized Five Hurt In Cycle Races

BUCHANAN — Five persons were injured during motorcycle races at Redbud Track and Trails near here yesterday afternoon.

Contestants treated and admitted to hospitals were: Harold F. Lew, 23, Syracuse, Ind., fractured left leg, satisfactory condition at Memorial hospital, South Bend, Ind., and Ronnie K. Miller, 20, Elkhart,

Ind., head injuries, fairly good condition at Pawating hospital, Niles.

Treated at Pawating hospital and released were Michael T. Brennan, 14, Lansing, Ill.; Jack T. Mennewisch, 26, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Randall J. Gudmundson, 19, Coder Lake, Ind.

State police at Niles said the accidents occurred in

crashes between motorcycles or when the rider lost control of his machine during races sponsored by 7-11 Competition club, Chesterton, Ind.

In an unrelated accident, George T. Prior, 22, South Bend, Ind., was treated at Pawating hospital for a collar bone fracture after he lost control of his motorcycle while riding on terminal grounds near Niles yesterday, said police.



MISS MICHIGAN WINNERS: Sherry Lee Agnello, 19, left, was named Miss Michigan of 1973, in Muskegon Saturday night while Laura Dean Mansfield, right, of Benton Harbor, was named third runner-up. Miss Mansfield, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mansfield, is to receive \$500 scholarship in addition to runner-up title. New queen, Miss Agnello, is 5 feet 6, has light brown hair, blue eyes and measures 35-24-35½. She will



represent state in Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N.J., in September. First runner-up in contest was Carleen Dianne Mlynarek, of Kalamazoo area while second runner-up was Carol Lynn Flynn, a junior at Central Michigan university who also won Miss Congeniality award. Fifth runner-up was Renae Louise Kalawart, a junior at Western Michigan university.

Mobile Decision Due In 3 Weeks

WATERVLIET — The fate of plans for a 115-unit mobile home park on Red Arrow highway in Watervliet township will be determined within the next three weeks, according to Jordan Tatter, chairman of the township zoning appeals board.

The board is considering whether to permit use of a 23.5 acre site west of Watervliet city for the mobile home park, according to Tatter. He said rezoning of the land for the development was approved by the township board earlier this year.

A public hearing into the proposed mobile home park that began June 16 was continued at the township hall Saturday.

According to Tatter, a decision regarding the development must be made by the appeals board within 30 days of the first hearing date. He said failure to act within the time limit would permit the developers to file for a decision from Berrien circuit court.

Development of the park has been proposed by a group of South Haven businessmen, who have estimated the cost at \$400,000.

Court Nixes Parochial Tax Credits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today rejected tax deductions and tuition reimbursement for parents of non-public school students in the latest round of a continuing legal battle over state aid to private and parochial education.

Ground Broken

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Ground was broken Sunday for a new \$36 million, 556-bed medical center to serve the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti areas.



WINS CROWN: Gretchen Grady, 17, Cassopolis, was chosen Miss Black Southwestern Michigan Saturday night at Cassopolis high school. She edged out 12 other contestants in area's second annual contest, to win crown and chance to go on to Miss Black Michigan contest in Detroit July 22. (Staff photos)

Southwest Michigan Cassopolis Girl Is Black Queen

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CASSOPOLIS — Gretchen Grady, 17, Cassopolis, was named Miss Black Southwestern Michigan 1973 at Cassopolis high school Saturday night.

A crowd estimated by contest officials at 500 people filled the school gym to watch the competition, the second annual Miss Black Southwestern Michigan contest.

Miss Grady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Grady, of 519 South O'Keefe street. She is a former student at Cassopolis high school, but graduated from Baker high school, Columbus, Ga., this year.

She is 5 feet 3, and wore a floor length, high-waisted dress of peach velure in the contest's evening gown competition. Her favorite activities include playing tennis, swimming and bowling.

She plans to attend Southwestern Michigan college, Dowagiac, this fall.

First runner-up in the contest was Betty Collins, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins, of 106 South O'Keefe street, Cassopolis. She was also selected by Las Negras Bonitas, Cassopolis women's club, to receive the Miss Soul award. A 1971 graduate of Cassopolis high school, she is a student at Southwestern Michigan college.

Second runner-up was Wenona Aaron, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Bennett, of Three Rivers. She will graduate from Three Rivers high school next year.

Other finalists were Linda Davis, Joan Miller and Gloria Smith, all of Niles.

Judges of the contest were Leon Nelson, vice-president of the Chicago Daily Defender, Dr. Edward Parham, cardiology department administrator, Borgess hospital, Kalamazoo; Don Nash, Coca Cola executive, Chicago; and Lafayette David Jr., graduate student at Western Michigan university, Kalamazoo.

Master of ceremonies was Rod Johnson, host of "The Afternoon Show" and weatherman on WSBT-TV, South Bend.

The contest was sponsored by the Sportsmen's Big 10 club, a men's social and civic organization, of Cassopolis.

Chairman of the event was Mrs. Joann Betha, of Cassopolis.

Contestants included Ava Bacon, of Dowagiac; Pearl Blakely, Decatur; Yvonne Bland, Vandalia; Joyce Douglas, Dowagiac; Elizabeth King, Benton Harbor; Gayle Stone, Bangor; and Mae Wilborn, Covert.

Miss Black Southwestern Michigan will represent the area in the Miss Black Michigan pageant, to be held at the Latin Quarter, Detroit, July 22.

Six Children Are Among Eight Injured In Crash

BUCHANAN — Eight persons, including six children, were injured Saturday afternoon, when a car went out of control and slammed broadside against a large tree near Clear Lake, just west of here.

Four of the injured were trapped in the auto for more than an hour, and were hospitalized with serious injuries.

Police and firemen from nine units, extending from Benton Township to South Bend, participated in the long effort to free the trapped persons and in keeping back the big crowd that gathered at the scene.

Berrien Sheriff's Deputies Richard Heminger and Larry Casto said the accident was reported at 2:50 p.m., and occurred on Clear Lake Woods road, a quarter-mile north of Elm Valley road, Buchanan township.

The driver of the car was identified as Monte Warren

Lott, 18, Galien-Buchanan road, Route 2, Buchanan. He was treated for cuts and abrasions at Buchanan Community hospital and released.

Officers said the six children all were riding in the back seat of the two-door auto.

Admitted to Niles Pawating hospital were, Danny Lott, 12, of Galien-Buchanan road, who underwent surgery for fractures of the lower legs and feet; Randy G. Rzana, 11, Walton road, Route 1, Buchanan, who underwent surgery of the lower legs and feet, and sustained neck injuries; and Monica S. Jones, 10, also of Box 145 Walton road, who received leg and hip fractures. All were reported variously in from fair to good condition at the hospital this morning.

These were trapped in the car, along with a passenger in the front seat, Debra Ann Lott, 19, of Galien-Buchanan road, who was admitted to Pawating

hospital with head lacerations and multiple bruises. She was reported in good condition today.

Escaping with lesser injuries were Charles C. Davis, 9, and Francis G. Davis, 8, both of Box 145, Walton road, who were treated and released from Pawating hospital; and Wanda Lott, 4, of Galien-Buchanan road, who was examined and released from the Niles hospital.

Deputies said the car was traveling south on Clear Lake Woods road, apparently at a high rate of speed. Officers stated that the car skidded sideways and struck the tree broadside. The car was wrapped around the tree, oficers reported. Clear Lake Woods road at the crash location is posted for a 25 mile-an-hour speed limit, officers noted.

Assisting deputies were Buchanan township firemen; rescue units from Niles township, Niles city, and South Bend, Ind.; and police from Buchanan city; Berrien Springs-Oronoko township department; Niles township, and the Niles state police post. Added police were needed to direct traffic because of the large crowd of on-lookers from area homes, it was reported.

Deputies said hydraulic jacks needed to free the trapped victims, were supplied by Benton township fire department. Township Fireman Frank Seoma, Jr., and Township Patrolman Jack Root assisted with the jacks.

While efforts were underway to free the victims, a Buchanan physician, Dr. D. Kent Hassan,

provided emergency treatment.

The officers said the children in the back were trapped between the drive shaft hump and the right side of the car. The woman in front was trapped, when the seat was propelled forward and the door pushed in. Deputies said her legs were trapped under the dash board, while her head was pushed outward, through the windshield.

The officers noted in their report that Lott was driving while his license was "suspended, denied, or revoked." A report of the accident will be sent to the Berrien county prosecutor's office for review, the officers stated.

Woman Charged With ADC Fraud

A Benton Harbor woman was arrested in her home Sunday by Berrien sheriff's deputies on a warrant charging welfare fraud.

Booked and lodged in the county jail was Cornelia Sims, 44, of 944 Bishop avenue. She allegedly received an extra \$200 in Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) payments between June and August, 1971, according to Jack Struwin, Berrien county assistant prosecutor.

Struwin said the woman is charged with receiving unemployment compensation from the Michigan Employment Security Commission without reporting that additional income to Berrien county Social Services, which supervises ADC payments.

LMC, Andrews Get U.S. Funds For Student Loans

Congressman Edward Hutchinson of St. Joseph has announced that Lake Michigan college and Andrews university in Berrien county will share in National Direct Student Loan funds for the coming school year.

The Department of Health Education and Welfare has earmarked \$5,059 for LMC and

\$48,768 for Andrews. Hutchinson said the funds will provide 90 per cent of student loans for 11 LMC and 108 Andrews students. The schools themselves will provide the other 10 per cent.

HEW has allocated loan funds for 2,563 higher education facilities for 1973-74.



TRAPPED: Niles township firemen use portable rescue equipment to free Debra Lott, 19, Buchanan, right, trapped in front seat, and three young children also trapped when this car crashed

broadside into tree near Clear lake, Buchanan township, Saturday afternoon. Firemen from several departments worked more than an hour to free victims. (Staff photo)